

MATANZAS BOMBARDED!

Two Hundred Spaniards Slain by American Shot and Shells.

The Invasion of Cuba Begins in Earnest--Matanzas to Be Made a Base of Operations by the United States.

SAMPSON ORDERED TO REDUCE THE CITY.

Not an American Hurt, and Our Ships Not At All Damaged--An Easy Victory.

COMMUNICATION TO BE HAD WITH GENERAL GOMEZ

By Admiral Sampson Before Any Attempt Is Made to Capture Havana--They Will Act Together.

BATTLE EXPECTED AT MANILA

The American and Spanish Fleets Are Getting Closer Together.

RICHEST PRIZE YET CAPTURED.

The Monitor Terror Makes a Big Haul--The Prize Loaded With Merchandise and Money.

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SPANISH SPIES ARE PLOTTING DEVILTRY.

BUCKNER IS READY.

Washington, April 28.—The bombardment of Matanzas yesterday afternoon by the American fleet has been officially confirmed. Admiral Sampson has been ordered to shell the city and to destroy all the big guns there which are very formidable.

The beginning of the work of opening the way for the invasion of Cuba.

A heavier bombardment of the city has been ordered for today.

New York, April 28.—A Key West dispatch says that it is believed that three or four hundred Spaniards were killed by the bombardment at Matanzas.

Key West, April 28.—According to the latest report from Matanzas, it is probable that 200 Spaniards were killed by the powerful shells from the Puritan's guns. Not an American vessel was hurt and the American vessels were not damaged in the slightest. Admiral Sampson is acting under orders from Washington. He will communicate with General Gomez after the Spaniards have been driven from Matanzas and the landing by the American troops has been made. This communication with Gomez will be made before any attempt is made to capture Havana.

Key West, April 28.—The cruisers New York and Cincinnati and the monitor Puritan bombarded the forts at Matanzas yesterday afternoon. The engagement began at 12:15 and closed at 1:15. There were no casualties on the American side. Great damage is known to have been done to Matanzas and it is believed that there was loss of life.

The object of the attack was to prevent the completion of earthworks at Punta Gorda. About twelve 8-inch shells were fired from the eastern forts, but all fell short. About five or six light shells were fired from the half-completed battery. Two of

steamed boldly in between the batteries and soon blazed away with both broadsides at them.

The battle took place about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The batteries were silenced in eighteen minutes.

The last shot that was fired by the Spanish came from Point Rubal Caya. The Puritan replied with one of her twelve-inch guns. The shell struck the battery with wonderful accuracy, and blew up a portion of it.

After waiting in vain for the Spaniards to renew the engagement the ships withdrew, leaving both batteries in ruins.

A few minutes before 1 o'clock there was a puff of smoke from the east shore, and an eight-inch shell whizzed toward the New York and fell short. Scarcely had the report died away than another puff of smoke floated upon the Point Maya side and easily blew away. This shell also fell short.

The range of the east battery was nearly seven thousand yards, but the flagship promptly opened fire with one of her eight-inch guns.

The engagement in a few minutes became general, and shore and bay were covered with the wind-blown smoke, while the hollow between the hills roared with the connoading.

these whizzed over the New York and one fell short. The ships left the bay for the open sea, their object, discovering the whereabouts of the



SPANISH ARTILLERY IN THE FIELD NEAR HAVANA.

batteries, having been accomplished. In the neighborhood of three hundred shots were put on land from the three ships at a range of about five thousand yards (nearly three miles). The half-completed Spanish earthworks and battery were apparently all ploughed up by shells. All the ships in the engagement showed excellent marksmanship throughout and nearly every shell took effect.

But far more important than the destruction of the Matanzas battery is the conclusion about the future which may be drawn from the bombardment. This conclusion is that Havana is absolutely at the mercy of the United States fleet whenever we may choose to open fire.

Admiral Sampson with guns which amount to less than one-tenth of his fighting force, silenced practically three batteries in eighteen minutes. He steamed right in on them as close as he could get and not one of our ships was touched.

What is to be said of a gunner who cannot hit a mark as big as the New York at two thousand or three thousand yards?

The incident has greatly encouraged the naval officers, and they believe when they bombard Havana they will destroy all the defenses in about one hour.

In point of time the engagement lasted just eighteen minutes. It began at fifty-seven minutes past 12 and ended a quarter past 1.

It was a beautiful sight to see the target practice of the New York. A big ball of smoke would suddenly rise from her side. The eye, following the direction of the spot, would see an instant later a great cloud of dust and fragments of concrete and mortar high in the air. Then would come the roar of the piece, sullen and heavy.

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I have no means of knowing the number of dead and wounded on the Spanish side. It must be considerable.

While the New York, Puritan and Cincinnati were reconnoitering in force for the purpose of locating and destroying the formidable defense being constructed, the flagship was fired on by the batteries on Point Rubal Caya and Point Maya, guarding the entrance to the harbor.

The New York replied, firing her eight-inch gun on the port side. She

bay as the New York was doing on the west side. All this time the Cincinnati had remained out of action.

The Cincinnati was signaled to engage. The prominent Cubans left this city than it takes to write it, steamed up within two thousand yards, broadside on, and began to let fly with her guns. The batteries quieted and the New York was just giving the signal to retire when one defiant shot was fired from Rubal Caya. It was the last shot that battery was ever to fire. One of the big guns on the Puritan belloyed back. It was the best shot of the day. It struck the battery just where the gun was, bored its way into the earthworks and exploded, doing great destruction.

Capt. R. J. Macbugh, an artillery officer of the British army, who was a spectator of the engagement from the Courier-Journal-Herald boat, said it was one of the best shots he had ever seen made. Having practically demolished the Spanish batteries, the ships stood out to sea.

THE ASIATIC SQUADRON.

Hong Kong, April 28.—The vessels of the American squadron steamed away from Mira Bay for Manila yesterday afternoon. On board of one of the ships was an insurgent chief who is to lead the Philippine insurgent forces.

Many Spanish vessels are leaving Manila with passengers and treasure and the Americans are anticipating the capture of rich prizes.

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NAVAL BATTLE EXPECTED.

Washington, April 28.—Reports from Manila are being eagerly awaited. The Spanish Philippine fleet and the American Asiatic squadron are near each other, and are expected hourly to meet. The results of the battle that will then occur will decide for a time at least the control of the Pacific ocean. Admiral Dewey's fleet is superior to the Spanish fleet and no fear is felt as to the result of the meeting.

GENERAL LEE'S OPINION.

Richmond, Va., April 28.—Gen. Lee, who is still here waiting orders from Washington, said last night that the Spanish army in Cuba will be forced to evacuate without the necessity of the United States sending troops there. The blockade will prevent any provisions or other aid from reaching the Spanish army on the island.

The fleet, Gen. Lee says, is too far from the base of operations to reach there. They cannot procure coal for steaming purposes en route, nor can they obtain it even in Cuba.

possession of the insurgents, and can not be reached by the Spanish.

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SPANISH DEVILS.

Washington, April 28.—The governor of Georgia today wired the president that he is warned that two Spanish spies are planning to wreck the trains carrying soldiers south.

CUBAN INVASION.

Washington, April 28.—A party of prominent Cubans left this city this morning for Cuba bearing important messages from General Miles to Gomez. Plans are being laid for the invasion of Cuba.

THE RICHEST YET.

Washington, April 28.—The Captain of the Terror has wired that he has captured the richest Spanish prize of the war off Key West. The prize is loaded with merchandise of great value and with much money.

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American Fleet to Be Kept In tact to Meet the Spanish Armada When it Offers Fight.

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Cuba would be a comparatively easy matter, and the eyes of the tacticians are turned across the sea to movements of the enemy's fleet. It is intimated in naval circles that plans have been made for the union of the squadrons of Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley if the Spaniards should attempt to mass their offensive power in the hope of catching either one of the squadrons unawares, to be destroyed before the arrival of re-enforcements.

It is thought fleet cruisers will be sent out as scouts as soon as news is received of a movement of the armadas to cross the Atlantic, and it is surmised that it is what the Colombia and Minneapolis are doing now.

The tactics of the Spaniards are a mystery, but it is suspected they may make an attempt to bombard some of the big cities on the North Atlantic coast. It is possible that is the mission of the Pelayo and her consorts, and it is believed the American cruisers are scouting the ocean to intercept them. If they should be discovered approaching the United States, the scout would send a message to the flying squadron. The American navy is thus tied up to some extent until the enemy shows his hand.

It is quite possible the first naval battle will be fought off the Philippine Islands. It was reported the Asiatic squadron, when ordered out of the British port of Hong Kong, had gone to the Chinese port of Mira Bay, which is only about thirty miles away. It was hinted in official circles today that this report was a blind, and that the squadron had actually started for the Philippine Islands with the intention of lighting any Spanish ships to be found at Manila or in its neighborhood. There is lively expectancy in Washington of stirring news from the antipodes within a few days.

NEW YORK BAY WELL MINED.

New York, April 28.—The work of laying submarine mines in the lower bay was continued today. Thus far seventy-four mines have been placed in the bay, and it is believed that three times that number will be "planted" from Wardsworth to Sandy Hook. Should a hostile fleet succeed in passing the Sandy Hook fort they would come to grief in the harbor because of the mines and dangerous reefs.

REV. J. K. SMITH, MODERATOR.

Hopkinsville, Ky., April 28.—At this morning session of the Louisville Presbytery, Rev. J. Kinsey Smith, of Rev. Lewis J. Adams clerk.

Papers on "Ministerial Education," by Rev. W. R. Brown, and "Systematic Benevolence," by Rev. Charles P. Luce, were read.

A meeting of the Ladies' Missionary society will prove an interesting feature of the afternoon session.

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They are believed to be the Spanish warship Pelayo and consorts.

These reports would seem to confirm the advice that the battleship Pelayo, which sailed from Cadiz ostensibly for the Cape Verde Islands, was in reality dispatched for American waters.

CONSOLATION PRIZE.

Madrid, April 28.—An official dispatch from Manila, capital of the Philippine Islands, says the governor of Iloilo, Philippine Islands, announces that the Spanish gunboat El Cano has arrived there, having captured the American bark Saranic, Capt. Bartab, from Newcastle, N. S. W., on February 26, for Iloilo. The Saranic had 1,640 tons of coal on board.

BUCKNER IS READY.

Washington, April 28.—General Simon Bolivar Buckner, of Kentucky, today offered his services to the president in any capacity that he might desire. The action of the brave old hero was greatly appreciated by the president and has caused a wave of patriotic enthusiasm to sweep over the city.

CITY OF PARIS.

London, April 28.—Confidential information which has been furnished to your correspondent regarding the secret instructions given to Capt. Watkins of the American line steamer Paris enables him to say that the Paris will reach her destination safely in due time.

No anxiety need be felt if the steamer does not arrive at New York on Friday, when she would be due under ordinary circumstances. It would be indelicate to give any further hint of the latest movements of the Paris. Meantime, it is already known that she escaped the first trap the Spaniards had laid for her. The principal warship assigned to catch the big liner was the cruiser Empeador Carlos V.

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